

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 857

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation" specialty license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.214, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to  
3 establish the "Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation" specialty license plate; to provide  
4 for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule  
5 promulgation applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.214 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.214. Special prestige license plate; "Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation"

10 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
11 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Louisiana  
12 Wild Turkey Federation" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand  
13 applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,  
14 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

15 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the secretary of the  
16 Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation, Inc. to select the color and design of the plate,  
17 provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include  
18 NWTF Conserve.Hunt.Share. and the Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation official  
19 logo.

1           C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any  
2           citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

3           D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars  
4           that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee  
5           shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,  
6           Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and  
7           fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of  
8           administrative costs.

9           E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
10          to the Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation. The monies received from the royalty fees  
11          shall be used to aid in conservation of the wild turkey through management and  
12          habitat improvement, collaborative work with other conservation organizations and  
13          government entities, research, and the preservation of the National Wild Turkey  
14          Federation hunting heritage that supports the traditions of safe, ethical hunting and  
15          teach conservation principals.

16          F. The secretary shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are  
17          necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

18          Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
21 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
22 effective on the day following such approval.

23          Section 3. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor  
24 vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable  
25 statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new  
26 plates.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 857 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the "Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation" special prestige license plate. Provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and promulgation of rules applicable to this license plate.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "La. Wild Turkey Federation" license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plate.

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with La. Wild Turkey Federation to select the color and design of the plate. Proposed law requires the design include NWTF Conserve.Hunt.Share. and the La. Wild Turkey Federation official logo.

Proposed law specifies that the license plate will be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of \$25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax and a \$3.50 handling fee for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires monies received from the royalty fees to be forwarded to the La. Wild Turkey Federation, Inc. Specifies that the monies received from the royalty fees will be used to aid in conservation of the wild turkey through management and habitat improvement, collaborative work with other conservation organizations and government entities, research, and the preservation of the National Wild Turkey Federation hunting heritage that supports the traditions of safe, ethical hunting and teach conservation principals.

Proposed law requires the secretary to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to create the "La. Wild Turkey Federation" speciality license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.214)